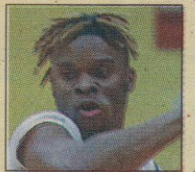


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# The Elba Clipper

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During Elba City Council meeting

## City clerk provides update on trash pickup

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, Jan. 23, City Clerk Sally Bane provided an update report on trash pickup for the city.

Bane said the street department began reporting daily to her on the trash pickup following the Jan. 9th council meeting.

"The street department is reporting each morning to me what streets were picked up the day prior," she said. "They began doing this the day after our last council meeting."

Council member Jane Brunson inquired as to "how far" the department had gotten with the pickup

## CCSO deputies arrest Elba man on drug/attempt to elude charges

Deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office [CCSO] arrested an Elba man last weekend on a possession charge along with attempting to elude officers.

According to Coffee County Jail records, James McCormick, age 54, of Elba was arrested Friday night,



since the reporting began. "Based on how far they've gotten with the trash pickup, how long would it take to cover the city once?" she asked. "Are we halfway done?"

Brunson said she realized this would only be a 'guess' for the city clerk, and Bane said she could not say the street department employees had even made it to the halfway point of covering the city as of that day.

"Based on that we would not be able to tell people we would be by once per month [for trash pickup]," Brunson said.

The city clerk agreed with that assessment.

Brunson did note, however, that this could improve

when the city has more CDL drivers on staff.

Bane also said the city is working on some informative materials and graphics to advertise in the newspaper and online to better explain how trash should be placed by the roadway and what items should/should not be placed in trash pickup piles. Further, she said the city also is working on door hanger cards that could be used if a resident has a pile that is not actual trash pickup material and should be placed in the garbage can instead.

Also, during her report to council members, Bane said the Putnam Street/Woodland Drive culvert projects remain on schedule. She said the contractor had made it to the pipe on Putnam Street, and as expected, that pipe was in very poor condition.

She said the pipe would have to be lined.

Mayor Tom Maddox updated council members on a couple of potential economic development projects for the city - utilizing code names Project Viking II and Project Sunbeam.

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## AT THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Elba Public Library will celebrate "Take Your Child to the Library Day" this Saturday, Feb. 4, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon.

There will be crafts, snacks, games, books, and fun! Come by and register a child (ages birth to 5 years) for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

The Elba Public Library is located at 406 Simmons Street in downtown Elba.

## Elba Parks and Rec set to host upcoming basketball tournaments

Tournament basketball for the Pea River Youth Basketball League is set for Feb. 9th - 11th with Elba Parks and Recreation hosting the 10U Boys and 12U Boys tournaments.

Games will begin Thursday evening, Feb. 9, at the Elba Elementary School gymnasium. 10U action will be at 6 p.m. followed by 12U action at 7:15 p.m.

The 10U Boys tournament will remain at the elementary



**LARGE SPILL AT THE PUMP...** Tuesday morning, Jan. 31, many traveling through downtown Elba on their commute to work found a portion of Claxton Avenue blocked due to a gas spill at the RS Lord Marathon store [often referred to as Mr. Henry's]. Reportedly, a customer had started the pump to add gasoline to his vehicle, and the customer had left the nozzle unattended when it fell from the vehicle spilling some 15-20 gallons of gasoline onto the ground before the pump was stopped. The Elba Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to help clean up the potential fire hazard. As shown above, the gas was covered with dirt to help absorb it from the ground. Also responding to the scene to assist with traffic control was the Elba Police Department.

## EES leadership team addresses Elba BOE members

by Linda Hodge, Editor

*\*\*Editor's Note: This is the second part of a three-part series from the Elba Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, Jan. 17, where presentations were made regarding the schools' testing scores.*

The Elba Elementary School ACAP Leadership Team presentation Tuesday evening, Jan. 17, to Elba City School Board members provided information on several different categories to help board members better understand the challenges teachers face in the classroom as they prepare students for state testing.

"Thank you all for everything you do and how you support us," EES principal Kenya Martin said as she opened the presentation. "I want to encourage you to come down and visit us more. We would love to see you in the building. We want you to come down and see what we are doing. We

are proud of what we are doing and accomplishing so far."

Martin said last school year's ACAP state testing results for the elementary school [tests were taken in March and results released publicly in November] showed a 71 overall score for Elba Elementary School. "We are not proud of that at all, and we want to see that increase," Martin said. "We look forward to improving our scores and hope our test scores this time reflect the effort we are putting into it."

Much like the high school, Martin said in-house diagnostic testing through the i-Ready® program already is showing positive results for growth in reading and math across the board for the school.

Martin said the elementary school leadership team is comprised of Leigh Wicker, Sasha O'Neal, Anna Marie Moore, Kayla Harrison, Kim Wilson, Melissa Grantham, Kelly Wilson, Rachel Morrow, and Jennifer Moseley.

The ACAP tests grades the elementary school levels on three main areas - academic achievement, academic growth, and chronic absenteeism. The last time state test results were released prior to last year [in 2019 due to the COVID pandemic], chronic absenteeism was not even counted in the scores, according to Martin.

"So, we got that added challenge for 2022," she said regarding absentee-

ism. "Our baseline score for this in 2022 was 21.56 percent. We hope to see that decrease this year."

In 2019, she said EES had an academic achievement score of 60.53 percent, and that dropped to 56.53 in 2022. For academic growth, she said the school dropped from 95.72 percent in 2019 to 81.32 in 2022.

"So...what happened?" Martin said. "There were some contributing factors."

Martin was hired as the Elba Elementary School principal in June prior to the start of the 2021/2022 school year, and she said there were several teacher positions yet to be filled at EES when she took that job. She had previously been the school's guidance counselor, which meant a new person also would be stepping into that position for the school year.

Martin said Elba Elementary School ended up having a first year principal, first year guidance counselor, first year reading specialist, first year interventionist, and new teachers in every grade level [K-6] last school year.

"That was a big, big change," she said. "There is a learning curve that comes when you take over a job in the first year. It doesn't matter if you are a teacher or a lawyer. You learn a lot in that first year, and boy, did we learn a lot last year."

Teacher turnover also contributed.

"We had a lot of teacher turnover," Martin said. "When I came into the principal's position, it was middle of June. Usually when you start hiring, it is around April/May. So, we were already behind there."

Another major problem that she said affected the elementary school's ACAP scores last year was COVID. She followed this statement up with some statistics of her own.

Martin said she pulled some data on classroom attendance, and it revealed there were 3,894 student absences last year.

"That is a lot of absences, whether it was COVID, going to the doctor or whatever," Martin said. "We knew we had to do something about that number, and we are tackling that challenge."

Also, she said there were a lot of teacher absences last

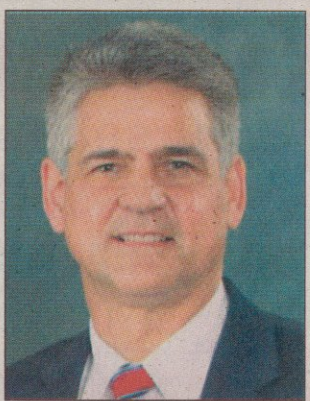
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## Mark Parker named CEC President and CEO

After nearly 36 years at Covington Electric Cooperative, Mark Parker will succeed longtime leader, Charles "Ed" Short, as president and chief executive officer on Feb. 1, 2023.

Parker has played a pivotal role in the growth of the cooperative throughout the past three decades, including working as director of member services, vice president of member relations, staff assistant and vice president of information technology. Most recently, he served as senior vice president and chief operating officer.

A south Alabama native, he earned his certificate in industrial electricity technology from Douglas MacArthur State Technical



Mark Parker

College and a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Troy State Dothan. Parker also completed the Robert I. Kabat Management Internship program through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

"I've been heavily

involved in the implementation of several new technologies, including the first CEC computer networks, billing systems, the pre-pay program, the dispatch system and the Buzz Broadband project," said Parker. "I want to thank the board of trustees for this opportunity. I'm eager to lead CEC as we work together to find ways we can be more efficient with our technology and provide the best possible service at the most affordable cost."

Parker and his wife, Teri, have two grown children and will soon welcome their fourth granddaughter. They have been married 38 years.

Outside of CEC, he's

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## Area Happenings

**The Coffee County Extension Office will host a Restricted Use Pesticide Private Applicator Training and Testing** on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. inside the Coffee County Community Room, 1065 E. McKinnon St. New Brockton, Ala. This training and testing is for agricultural producers and landowners who need to purchase restricted use pesticides. Cost is \$20 for training and \$25 for license - checks only.

**The Annual Cotton Expo is back** for cotton producers in the Wiregrass and Tri-State area. It will be held Friday, Feb. 10, at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds, Dothan, Ala., from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The expo will feature vendor booths as well as presentations from extension agents and specialists and industry professionals. A sponsored lunch will be provided. For more information, call (334) 693-2010.

**The Enterprise Military Support Group meets** on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Church on Boll Weevil Circle, located at 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Call 334-447-2252 for more information.



# BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.* — Nelson Mandela

Former South Carolina governor and Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis have been the subject of attacks and criticism from some of their fellow Republicans and their staff over the past few weeks. It appears the attackers want the two out of contention for the Republican nomination for President in 2024, leaving former president Donald Trump as the only viable candidate. That is not the way our system of government was established. Each of us have a right to offer for public office (even though many of US are not at all qualified to lead anything!).

Personally, we are not impressed with most of the people who have been mentioned as potential candidates for president in 2024. Part of that is social media has done such a good job of informing us that none of them is 'holier than thou', or maybe just that they are human with human flaws and not the super heroes we once classified our national leaders.


Guinea worm . . . went from 3-5 million a year in 1986, to 13 last year in Africa. President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn lead a project that has almost eradicated the disease in Africa. (Carter Center Guinea Worm Eradication Program). This is the type things we think our past presidents should be doing with their time and influence!!

The abuse and killing of a black motorist, Tyre Nichols, in Memphis, Tennessee is shocking to say the least. Apparently, he had done nothing wrong and was killed by a group of five Memphis police officers, themselves also black. Firing the guilty officers was the right thing to do, but alas it will not help Nichols. We have seen some headlines that called the events 'racial'. That confuses us as our understanding of racial is something involving more than one race of human beings, which this apparently was not. Regardless of that element, we shudder to think that victim could have been any one of us! It was gratifying to read the release from the Alabama Sheriff's Association that condemned the action of the five (now former) law enforcement officers and stressed that Alabama Sheriffs strive to hire only qualified officers and weed out those already employed who don't demonstrate the goals of the department.

The United States is again at the official debt limit and can't float any bonds. . . . which in Elba terms means they can't borrow any more money. However, once the politicians in Washington all get to speak with bluster before the national press, they will vote to increase that limit. Of course the national debt is already over 30 TRILLION, so what is the big deal about another billion or so here and there?



It is interesting to ponder what the actions of the government officials would be if their pay were to be frozen until they did something about the debt limit! It falls in the category of declaring war . . . the officials do the declaring and the rest of us do the waring. Here they threaten to not make Social Security payments, pay the military, etc., but their checks are deposited into their accounts right on schedule - without hesitation!

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# EDITORIAL

## ELBA

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### Elba Police Chief give stats update for 2022

During his report to the Elba City Council, Police Chief Troy Staley said his department issued 853 traffic citations in 2022, along with 648 written warnings. He said the department made 327 total arrests on the year.

"So far this year, we are still looking for a few good men and women to fill some vacancies," Staley said.

of the projects, the mayor did say he feels pretty good about both projects.

Mayor Maddox said one contractor had looked at the Davis Street property for potential renovations for the Elba Chamber of

Commerce office, but as of the meeting, the city still had not heard back from that contractor. However, he added that he had been in contact with another contractor interested in coming to look at the project.

"Maybe one of them will work out," the mayor said.

A review of the November and December financial reports did not go as well as the council had hoped. Several mistakes were noted as the mayor reviewed the reports with council members.

"I apologize for it not being correct," Mayor Maddox said at one point during the review. "But, this is the first financial report we have had in several months."

Council member Brunson said it did not really matter that the council had a report to review if there are too many errors in it for it to be reliable.

"The whole problem is - I don't know what is right and what is wrong," she said. "You basically have no confidence. Sorry, but that is just the bottom line."

Maddox said he would accept responsibility for not getting to it before the meeting. He said hopefully the issues would be corrected before the next council meeting and a more accurate report be provided to the council.

### Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, and Monday, Jan. 30, 2023, conducted the following activities:

**Tuesday, Jan. 24** - Burglary reported at 425 W Davis St (8:20 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1303 Reese Ave (9:58 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 959 Sunset Blvd (10:10 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 219 Taylor Ave (4:49 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

**Wednesday, Jan. 25** - Animal complaint reported at 1991 Taylor Mill Rd (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 905 Reese Ave (1:14 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, three written warnings, and two citations.

**Thursday, Jan. 26** - Animal complaint reported at 1282 Ann St - w/impound (10:48 a.m.); Assault reported to Elba Police (6:37 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 1113 Oak Ave (8:18 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1265 Highland Dr - w/arrest (10:14 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in three citations, two verbal warnings, and one written warning.

**Friday, Jan. 27** - Animal complaint reported at 426 Williams Ave (9:31 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 166 (9:39 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 440 Reese Ave (12:47 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Caroline St - w/impound (1:09 p.m.). Nine traffic stops resulted in seven citations, one verbal warning, and one written warning.

**Saturday, Jan. 28** - Verbal altercation reported at 990 Hwy 203 (12:29 p.m.); Noise complaint

reported at 631 Reynolds Ave (8:03 p.m.). Twenty-one traffic stops resulted in 14 citations, and seven written warnings.

**Sunday, Jan. 29** - Burglary reported at 2631 Old Curtis Rd (10:08 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 811 Buford St (12:49 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 804 Hwy 203 (7:13 p.m.). Twelve traffic stops resulted in seven citations, and five written warnings.

**Monday, Jan. 30** - Suspicious circumstances reported at 406 Moore St (12:38 a.m.); Burglary reported at 415 W Davis St (6:41 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 N (7:24 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Boswell St (9:26 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1311 Reese Ave (10:03 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 707 Reese Ave (10:10 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 4675 Hwy 84 (11:51 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Boswell St (1:26 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 424 Moore Ave - w/impound (1:54 p.m.); Report of shots fired on Caro-line St (3:27 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1243 Neil Grantham Dr (3:41 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at Hwy 84 and County Rd 377 (3:53 p.m.); Assault reported at 429 Plant Ave (3:56 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 610 N Troy Hwy (6:32 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 934 County Rd 401 (10:22 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in one no action taken, three written warnings, two citations, and two verbal warnings.

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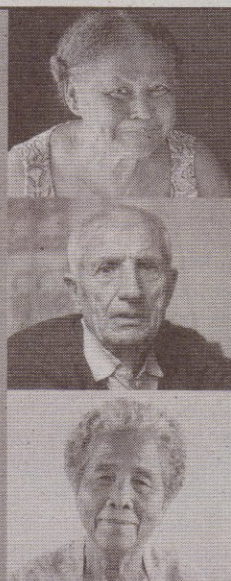
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## CEC

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an active member in the Andalusia Kiwanis Club, Kiwanis Covington County Fair Board and Andalusia Area Chamber of Commerce. He's also served as a member and president of the Opp Lions Club, Douglas MacArthur State Technical College Foundation, and the Lurleen B. Wallace Community College Foundation.

"I'm excited about the future, and I plan to do everything I can to ensure CEC provides our community with reliable energy and broadband," said Parker. "I look forward to our future together."

Founded in 1944, Covington Electric Cooperative is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative that serves parts of six counties: Covington, Coffee, Crenshaw, Geneva, Escambia and Dale. A Touchstone Energy Cooperative, CEC provides reliable power to more than 23,000 meters. In 2021, CEC started Buzz Broadband to serve the community with fiber optic technology. Visit [www.covingtoncoop.com](http://www.covingtoncoop.com) or call 800-239-4121 for more information.

Share Your Views...  
Write a Letter to the Editor



Sister just knew her day for "payback" had arrived last week when she escorted Suzin Lou Lou to a medical facility where Lou Lou would be undergoing a couple of medical tests; however, joke was on Sister...again!

Sister did get a small laugh off Lou Lou when they first arrived at the center. The tests Lou Lou would be undergoing required her to change from her clothes to a hospital gown and socks only. The nurse returned to the pre-op room a bit quicker than Lou Lou had expected, which meant she had not made it to the point of sitting snugly on her bed with a blanket wrapped around her.

As the nurse was asking a few more 'get ready' questions, Lou Lou was scurrying to get herself in the bed to make sure everything was covered up properly; but in the process of trying to move quickly, she totally forgot about things being exposed at the back of the hospital gown.

Long story short...Sister had to grab the gown and pull the side together to keep Lou Lou from shining the poor, unsuspecting nurse!

It wasn't until a few minutes after the nurse had left the room that Lou Lou realized what she almost did! Fortunately, Sister assured her she had come to the rescue and grabbed the gown to avoid the embarrassing moment. Lou Lou is not sure exactly "who" Sister was trying to save from embarrassment...most likely herself!

While Sister did manage to get a couple of black-mail photos of Lou Lou during her experience, she unfortunately missed out on the best photo ops. All the good stuff happened after Lou Lou was carted off to the exam room, and she was already awake and back to herself before Sister was called to come see her in recovery!

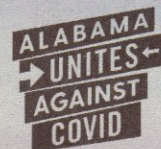
Oh well...maybe another day Sister!

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## EES

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year too. She said teachers had to be out because they had COVID or someone in their family had COVID. She said staff absences last years were 958 at the elementary school.

"What do you do when you don't have people to go in places?" she asked. "You start pulling them from other places like music, the library, intervention. If push came to shove, I was in a classroom covering. Everybody was working to cover classrooms."

Martin said all that played into the state test scores.

"There was a lot of covering and not necessarily teaching," she said. "I will say, however, that has improved greatly this year."

EES guidance counselor Anna Marie Moore addressed mental health and how it contributes to testing.

"I taught for six years at the high school in the junior high before last year moving to the elementary school as counselor when Mrs. Martin became principal," Moore said. "I was gung ho about implementing motivation and the things I was going to do and all the classroom guidance I could provide, but the reality is...I can't break it down for you just how much the amount of my time is spent in response and intervention and what is going on in the school any given day."

She said as much as all have plans of what they want to do, it is just responding to the kids and their needs.

"They [the students] have to be stable in order to learn," Moore said.

Since students returned to school on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> after Christmas break, Moore said she had enrolled eight new students at EES, and all but one has some sort of learning need. She said some have individual learning plans or a 504 plan, two are deemed homeless, one came to Elba reading two words per minute, etc. Some have medications they need.

Another challenge Moore exemplified was that of a student with an EL plan because of a language barrier with the dad able to speak no English. She said this student basically missed his whole kindergarten year, and upon being enrolled in a school in California is August [before coming to Elba in January], the student was just placed in the first grade.

Another student example was a student that missed a whole year of school, not the COVID year, and Elba is now the students fifth school to be enrolled in this school year.

"Many of these students are in the same grade too," Moore said. "That is a lot on those teachers."

Moore said some other issues the school faces daily are homelessness, and truancy. She said it is important for kids to be at school, and the faculty recognizes that, which is why attendance awareness is a big goal for EES.

"We also have a lot of students that have experienced some sort of trauma," Moore said. "This is something many other cannot relate to. Often this ends up being something more than the school counselor can handle, and those students have to be referred for additional counseling. I am glad we have a program in place for this."

Making sure students on medications are taking those meds is another mental health related thing the school deals with on a daily basis. Also, she said hygiene plays into the equation.

"All these things contribute to learning," Moore said. "We have to find all the missing pieces and find the right interventions to help make things fall into place for these students. When that happens, growth occurs."

Moore said the school would love to see more parent involvement. She said it is important for parents to realize the importance of their children to be in school to learn.

"Students are learning something in the classroom every day," Moore said. "If they are out, they are missing something. We have a lot of good kids at Elba Elementary School, and I am really proud of them."

Another area addressed in the presentation was special education, and Melissa Grantham spoke to the board on this matter.

"From the special education side of it, I wanted to give you all some data you may not be aware of," she said.

Grantham said she pulled some statistics of her own. She said she compared Elba with several of the surrounding schools for her data.

"I know we are doing what we can, and I felt the grade wasn't showing that," she said. "Our poverty level at Elba is 62.8 percent. Of the surrounding schools, we have the highest poverty level. That doesn't surprise anyone working in the schools because we see the evidence every day."

Also, Grantham said Elba's special education population is 16.21 percent.

"We have a higher special education population than any of the surrounding schools," she said. "So, in comparison to test scores, these students have an IEP [Individual Education Plan] because they have a learning disability. They are already not on grade level, but when we test in the Spring for ACAP their scores count just like any other student on that test."

Grantham said by taking that into account, it makes sense that Elba would have a higher challenge on the state test compared to the surrounding schools because it has a higher special education population.

"I think that is very important to know," she said.

However, she said the recent i-Ready diagnostic test showed the growth all have been talking about despite these challenges. "We just did i-Ready, and everyone grew in reading an all but five grew in math," Grantham said. "Our scores may not skyrocket with that population, but all we can hope for is growth. We are working our butts off, hoping for growth, and we did it last week [with i-Ready results]."

What else is the school doing to work towards student growth in testing. Martin said the school has changed some programs around, changed some scheduling, implemented the i-Ready diagnostic testing, and changed its core reading program.

"I think we are going to see some really good changes with that," she said. Sasha O'Neal, the school reading specialist, addressed intervention. "I taught 18 or 19 years [at Elba] before I decided to come out of the classroom and do something else," O'Neal said. "The Response to Instruction [RTI] intervention is something that is really helping."

Prior to last year, she said the school did not have much of an intervention program to help students. She said the school has been blessed to be able to hire an interventionist to move the students from where they were to where they now are in learning.

"We meet monthly to discuss the students and what they need," O'Neal said. "If they are consistently struggling with reading or math, they are pulled for intervention for at least 6-8 weeks or longer if needed."

She said intervention is strictly for students at least two grade levels or more below where they should

be.

"We feel we are moving in right direction when it comes to intervention and helping those students who have been struggling for so long," O'Neal said. "The new core reading program is very difficult and rigorous, and we are finding ourselves taking steps back to meet students where they are in classroom to be able to help them, but it is working."

The leadership team also holds date meetings.

"We are very proud of our middle of the year data," O'Neal said. "We grew 100 percent in reading and 70 percent in math across the board [on the i-Ready diagnostic test]. When things fall into place and we are on track and the students are on track, we see that growth."

With intervention now in place at the school, she said the teachers and administrators are seeing a huge difference.

Comparing the i-Ready diagnostic tests from Fall [August] to the recent Winter diagnostics [January], Martin said the growth trending in the right direction.

In math, she said EES originally had 34 students at three grade levels or more below and that number dropped to 14 with the recent diagnostic results. In August, 93 students were two grade levels below in math, but in January that dropped to 34; one grade level below in math increased to 211 from 196 due to the other improvements; on grade level in math increased from 25 to 66 students; and above or beyond grade level in math increased from 8 students to 31 students.

In reading, Martin said the recent i-Ready diagnostic test showed 100 percent growth from August to January.

Students three or more grade levels below in reading decreased from 39 to 18; two grade levels below decreased from 54 to 32; one grade level below improved from 203 to 139; at grade level improved from 43 to 100 students; and above or beyond grade level increased from 19 to 69 students.

"We are seeing growth," Martin said. "I am proud of what we are doing. We just want to see it keep going in that direction."

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"Unfortunately, we all have a time and appointment with death," the Coroner Woodham said.

He noted the weekend prior to the Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> commission meeting had been a busy one for the coroner's office in Coffee County.

During remarks from commissioners, District Two Commissioner Kim Ellis said he had been serving for about 12 years on the SARCOA board.

"I am resigning my post at the [upcoming] board meeting, and I have nominated Rod Morgan to take my place on that board," Ellis said.

He then put that nomination in the form of a motion and received a second to the motion from Commissioner Tom Grimsley. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

District Five Commissioner Jimmy Jones noted that he had met with the hospital board in Enterprise, and he said administrators and doctors there said they were seeing more COVID-related patients than flu-related patients. Jones encouraged all citizens to vigilant about COVID to help stop continued spread of the illness.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Feb. 13, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

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tournaments include (both 10U and 12U): Elba, Samson, Kinston, New Brockton, and Zion Chapel.

Local basketball fans are encouraged to support their favorites teams during these tournaments.

Looking beyond basketball, youth baseball/softball registration is underway now for Elba Parks and Recreation. This is an online process at [elba.recdesk.com](http://elba.recdesk.com).

Parents registering their child or children to play youth baseball/softball in Elba should create an account online [at the web address above] - then after creating the account, be sure to answer all prompted questions to register the child(ren). Failure to fill out the registration form completely could void the registration process.

The deadline for baseball/softball registration is Tuesday, Feb. 14th.

## Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

## SUE ARMSTRONG

Mrs. Sue Armstrong, age 75, a resident of Jack, Ala., died Friday, Jan. 27, 2023, at her home.



Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in Beaverdam Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Sue was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas Wildon Armstrong; along with her parents, Inez and Raymond Knights.

Survivors include her son, Chris Armstrong; daughter-in-law, Tracie Armstrong; and her granddaughter, Ally Armstrong, all of Jack.

Home in Elba with Rev. Kit Johnson officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Ricky was preceded in death by his parents, Grady and Miriam Farris and Lillian Wise Boswell and Q.P. Boswell.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years: Mary Farris; daughter: Carrie (Grady) Fuller, New Brockton, Ala.; son: Casey (Julie) Farris, Enterprise, Ala.; grandchildren: Colton Fuller, Cassie Fuller, and Clayton Fuller; nieces: Susan Stepherson, Kendy Brooks, Terry Ann Stout; nephews: David C. Macon, Lee Brooks, Wade Kindred; sister-in-law: Dale Boswell Turner; aunts: JoAnn Parker and Huge Parker, of Elba, Trixie Farris, Opp, Ala.; and many great nephews, nieces, and cousins.

## RICKY AUGUSTUS FARRIS

Mr. Ricky Augustus Farris, age 66, died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, at Wiregrass Medical Center in Geneva, Ala., due to complications from a stroke.

Ricky was born Nov. 30, 1956 in Elba, Ala. He graduated from Elba High School in 1975 and

was a member of the First Baptist Church in Elba.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, at 11 a.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral

## JOHN ANDERSON

Mr. John Anderson, age 76, of Jack, Ala., died Monday evening, Jan. 20, 2023, at his home. In accordance with his wishes, no services will be held.

Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Anderson family.

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There are many different projects you could take on. One common example is to plant a tree. Devote a warm Saturday morning to digging a hole and planting your sapling; devote this new life to the memory of your deceased loved one.

Creative expression can also be invaluable. Maybe this means writing a poem to honor your loved one. Maybe it means composing a song. Or maybe it means painting, drawing, or sculpting. There's no wrong answer here. The important thing is to find something that sounds fun and therapeutic to you.

Another option is to create a memory box. In it, you can place photos and mementos to help you keep your loved one's spirit near and dear. Memory boxes can be great places to store cremated remains and cremation keepsakes, too.

Note that some of these projects can be taken on solo, but others may be good group activities—allowing you and your family members to process grief together. The memory box idea can be a good one to do with kids, allowing them a tactile and creative way to remember their deceased loved one.

These projects can all be helpful for improving your mental and emotional health, and for giving you a constructive outlet for grief. Start thinking about a project you'd like to take on as you navigate this healing journey.

*If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at [hayeshh@hayesfuneralhome.net](mailto:hayeshh@hayesfuneralhome.net)*

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# CHURCH & LOCAL NEWS



**MASTER MASONS...**The members of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 held a special called meeting Thursday, Jan. 26, and Kendall Blake Austin and Charles Matthew Brunson Jr. were each raised to Master Mason. There were 36 brothers in attendance for the special occasion. Those pictured above include: (front, l to r) Billy Wilkerson, Mike Amison, Wendell Black, Blake Austin, Matt Brunson Jr., Matt Brunson Sr., Jerome Blackmon, Jim Hill, Steve Dewberry, Jack Caradine, and Shane Goude (middle, l to r) Allan Brackin, Dale Stewart, Michael Phelps, James Mowery, Ross Jackson, James Beasley, Howard Oliver, and Joel Moore; and (back, l to r) John Snipes, Troy Gideon III, Tommy Morrow, Harry Young, Brian Smith, Joe Gather, and Allan Crenshaw.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

by Dwight Johnson, Pastor  
Elba First Assembly of God

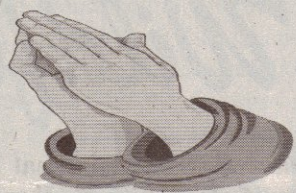
According to the label, it was "Classic Gray," but it sure did look black. My plans for staining some wood seemed uncertain, at least by the look of things. But, "When all else fails, read the instructions." If I wanted the desired result, I would have to take the time to "Stir well before and during application." So, I did. It was thick at the bottom, and harder to stir. But as I did, swirls of gray began to appear. Soon afterward, it was easier to stir, and all turned gray. Brushed on the board, the stain was a deep, rich, beautiful gray! Stirring the stain was the key to success.

When we think of getting "stirred up," we often think of things that make us angry or agitated. But, there is a positive side of being stirred. Paul wrote to young Timothy, admonishing him to "stir up the gift of God." (2 Timothy 1:6). Paul saw that Timothy had potential. He saw that there was something in Timothy that could be a blessing and a benefit to others, if he would allowed himself to be stirred. But, if he was satisfied with complacency and the status quo, his potential would settle to the bottom, and his life's beauty would never be seen.

Let me challenge you to be stirred. Be stirred by the needs of others. Be stirred by those who are helpless, and feel hopeless. Be stirred enough to pray, and to get involved. If you aren't stirred, you'll be okay. But, your potential will settle, and neither you nor others will ever know the beauty that could have been.

## New Hope Senior Center looking for new participants

The New Hope Senior Citizens Center is taking applications for new participants. Must be age 60 or older. For more info., contact Conzuella Banks, center manager.



Share Your upcoming  
Church events  
with the Community!

Email: clipperace@troycable.net

## Elba UMC invites all ladies to join in Ladies Brunch and Retreat set for Saturday, Feb. 4, at the church

Elba United Methodist Church invites all ladies to join in a Ladies Brunch and Retreat on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Activities will begin at the church's fellowship hall where brunch will be provided. After brunch, all will move to the church sanctuary for a time of music followed by retired Methodist minister and Elba native Beth Proctor Murchison sharing her faith.

The ladies of Elba United Methodist Church are pray-

ing for and planning for a memorable and inspiring time. Call or text Jean Helms at (334) 406-0692 to reserve a spot in this community event.

Always Attend  
the Church  
of Your  
Choice!

## Seniors age 60 and older encouraged to get active with Elba Senior Center

Seniors age 60 and older are encouraged to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

Along with nutritious meals five days a week, the director works with seniors to help them apply for several programs they may qualify, including Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Pro-

gram, Medicare Savings Program, etc. Seniors must be an active participant at the Elba Senior center for the director to sign them up for the qualifying programs.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. This is a social place to come have fun and find or make new friends. If interested in joining the center stop by or call (334) 897-3019. The center is located at 304 N. Factory Ave. (across from the Elba Police Department).

Seniors age 60 and older that cannot come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to their home.

For questions, call center director Donna Falls at (334) 897-3019.

## Round and About With Eria's Daughter 897-3611



**Scripture:** The Glory of God in Zion: Psalm 48: 1-14

### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Pastor Jimmy Jackson, Karyn Kelley, Rosemary Edwards, Helen Thigpen, Myron K. Duncan, Faye Manning, Maria K. Duncan, Rose R. Coleman

### February Birthdays / Anniversaries

Nick & Shai Nelson 2/14 W.A.  
Tina Hill 2/14  
Nicholas Nelson 2/15  
Velma Whitfield 2/15  
Coretta A. Hammonds 2/16 (in memory)  
Ridgeway Berry 2/17  
Llana O. Kelley 2/18  
Danielle Hardwick 2/18  
Alfred Purvis 2/19  
Sage Kelley 2/19  
Eliza N. Kelley 2/20  
Tiffany Germany 2/21  
Monica Henderson 2/21  
Madeline Smith 2/24 (in memory)  
Dianne Culver 2/25

### They Could Not Be Silenced

San Francisco, California is said to be a city that takes nostalgia seriously. Many are familiar with the old popular song about the "little cable cars" that "climb half-way to the stars." The city spends millions of dollars to keep those quaint remnants of the romantic past in operation.

San Francisco is also famous for its fog- and its foghorns. At one time years ago, more than fifty foghorns located around San Francisco Bay warned ships of dangerous shoals and shores. In November of 1992 the last of the old foghorns was silenced and replaced by an electronic beeper. However, the citizens of San Francisco wouldn't stand for this.

Historians denounced the beeper, civic leaders weighed in on the side of history, and radio station KFOG began a campaign to raise the money needed

to revive the old foghorns. After three weeks, the U.S. Coast Guard gave in, and a compromise was reached. If the city would pay for their operation, a couple of the old foghorns would be reactivated.

The Sanhedrin believed that a stern warning followed by a severe beating would silence the apostles. These men had become noisy reminders of an embarrassing, recent past. The Sanhedrin thought they could get rid of them by dealing with them as they had dealt with Jesus, but the Sanhedrin did not take in to account the faith of the Apostles. These followers of Jesus knew He was alive, and they could not be silenced. Can the same be said of us? - C.R.B.

### Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 2/2/23

Fill in the Blanks

Q: IN one of Jesus' parables, a mans sowed tares (weeds) in the wheat.

A: Enemy [Matthew 13:25]

Q: Jesus said His listeners would see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all in the Kingdom of God.

A: The / Prophets [Luke 13:28]

### Thought to Remember

God not only saves us from trouble, he saves us through trouble.

### Questions for the Week of 2/9/23

Multiple Choice

Q: The man in the synagogue suffered from what? (withered hand, blindness, leprosy)

Q: Paul spoke of giving in terms of (obligation, grace, obedience)?

Q: A 'drink offering' consists of what? (water, wine, blood)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

## Church Directory

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| <p><b>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</b><br/>ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH<br/>Rocky Pearce, Pastor<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH</b><br/>Samson, Ala.<br/>Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor<br/>Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.<br/>Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Harry Driggers, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Sam Self, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHEL AME CHURCH</b><br/>Deborah A. Butler, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.<br/>Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Greg Cotter, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.<br/>Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Robert Davis, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>Remonia Smith, Pastor<br/>Church Service... 9:00 a.m.<br/>2nd &amp; 4th Sundays<br/>Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.<br/>1st, 3rd &amp; 5th Sundays<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH</b><br/>Larry Mills, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br/>Paul Jackson, Pastor<br/>Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Wed. Night "Peak of the Week &amp; meal" ... 5:30 p.m.<br/>Bible Study &amp; Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Steve Watson, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.<br/>Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>EAON BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Mark Ward, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>Philip Box, Minister<br/>Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD</b><br/>David Noble, Pastor<br/>Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.<br/>Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY</b><br/>H.L. Buckner, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE</b><br/>Allen Richards, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b><br/>Dwight Johnson, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Kit Johnson, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>Steve Reneau, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.<br/>Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Lovell Martin, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b><br/>Timothy Williams, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.<br/>Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br/>Phillip Adeock, Pastor<br/>Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON</b><br/>Danny Bradshaw, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Scott Donaldson, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH</b><br/>Edward E. Drake, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH</b><br/>Overseers - Billy Berry<br/>Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GRACE FELLOWSHIP</b><br/>John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GREAT NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor</b><br/>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor<br/>Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b><br/>Shirley Ellis, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH</b><br/>Mark Cooper, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.<br/>Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>HOLY TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH</b><br/>Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b><br/>Wesley D. Ard, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>INO BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Garry Winstead, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b><br/>Matthew Morris, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH</b><br/>Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor<br/>Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIVING WORD CHURCH</b><br/>Derrick Stinson, Pastor<br/>Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.<br/>Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.<br/>Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>Greg Hanchey, Minister<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH</b><br/>Charles Jones, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>J. R. Parks, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.<br/>1st &amp; 3rd Sundays</p> <p><b>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Dewey Emfinger, Pastor<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Olan Strickland, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Will Jordan, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> | <p><b>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b><br/>Glenwood, AL<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Julian Mitchell, Pastor<br/>1st, 4th Sun. Morn.<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>Lee Jones, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b><br/>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON</b><br/>Terry McCrummen, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PRAISE &amp; GLORY WORSHIP CENTER</b><br/>Roy L. Turner, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH</b><br/>A. R. Williams, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.<br/>Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.<br/>2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH</b><br/>James Boots, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST</b><br/>Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Noon Worship... 12 noon<br/>Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.<br/>Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.<br/>Wed Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.<br/>Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>C.P. Davis, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH</b><br/>Donald Mills, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Shayne Allen, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.<br/>Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORY TABERNACLE</b><br/>Ruby Lawson, Pastor<br/>Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Ken Wilson, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b><br/>Dustin Wisecarver, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Donnie Marler, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b><br/>Mike Medley, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Cary Maulden, Pastor<br/>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> |
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## IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: The Estate of CHERYL ELIZABETH NICHOLS Deceased

CASE NO: PC2023-001

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to Ann T. Nichols and Carol Nichols Mashburn, as Co-Executrixes of the Estate of Cheryl Elizabeth Nichols, deceased, on the 10th day of January, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

s/s Gypsy Morrow Smith  
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Attorney for Co-Executrixes 119 E. Three Notch Street Andalusia, Alabama 36420 (334) 222-8220 1/26,2/2&amp;9-pd.

## SECTION 00020

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba, Alabama will receive bids for the Modernization of Public Housing Sites AL107-5, IX and AL107-6, VIII, AL09-P107-501-22 until 2:00 p.m., (Central Time) on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at the central office of the Authority, 1207 N. Claxton Avenue, Elba, Alabama 36323 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of furnishing all plant, labor, materials, equipment and all services and performing and coordinating all operations for the Modernization of Public Housing Sites AL107-5, IX and AL107-6, VIII, HUD Modernization Number AL09-P107-501-22. The Work of the base bid shall include, but is not necessarily limited to the replacement of HVAC units and work incidental thereunto. Attention and reference is directed to the General Notes of the drawings. Contract documents, including drawings and technical specifications, are on file at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Elba, 1207 N. Claxton Avenue, Elba, Alabama 36323 and The Architectural Office of William J. Peek, 908 S. Hull St., Suite 210, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

Copies of contract documents may be obtained by depositing \$200.00 with The Architectural Office of William J. Peek for each set of documents so obtained. Each such deposit will be refunded if the drawings and specifications are returned in good condition within ten days after bid opening. Plans and specifications will be issued only to qualified contractors licensed by the State Licensing Board of General Contractors of Alabama as required by Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended. Only bids of such contractors who are duly licensed will be considered. Current license number must be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid WILL NOT be accepted. Bidders are requested to inspect the property and the buildings themselves, as well as operations and conditions that may be affected. A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the Housing Authority of the City of Elba or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and an acceptable surety company in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid. Acceptable Surety Companies are listed in the current issue of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Circular 570.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project, and that the contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Contractors are reminded that in accordance with State Law, Alabama General Contractor's licensing number shall be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid will not be accepted. Each bid must include the Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders, 1992 Edition, Non-Collusive Affidavit and the Previous Participation Certificate signed by the bidder and on the correct HUD forms. The Housing Authority of the City of Elba reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids may be held by the Housing Authority of the City of Elba for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing them and investigating the qualifications of the bidders, prior to awarding the contract.

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba  
By: Laurie Chapman  
Title: Executive Director  
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## Pre-bid Conference

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 10:00 am** at **Elba City Hall; 200 Buford Street; Elba, Alabama 36323**. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.**Instructions to Bidders.**  
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.**American Iron and Steel** Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and Construction Materials. The following waivers apply to this Contract:

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Date: **January 25, 2023**  
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*We had both grandsons over at the house* Friday night and while Lawson stayed busy on his laptop, Cannon kept us busy trying to keep him in a good mood and finding things for him to look at. The basketball game on TV and the blinking lights on the valentine tree were his favorites, but he also enjoyed keeping an eye on the puppy and the funny faces his Nanny and I kept making. I guess the younger members of the family help keep us young.

For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *The Elba Tigers fell to 2-6 in the area* standings early in the week with a loss to Brantley, but rebounded late in the week with wins over Wicksburg and Samson to improve their record to 15-12. The fifteen wins are the most in a number of years for the Tigers, with eleven of the wins coming against 2A and 3A foes in what has turned into an amazing season. It may be true Elba turns the ball over a few dozen times a game and fires up three-pointers from all over the court. However, there is never a dull moment when the Tigers are on the court and with only two seniors on the roster it looks like even more fun on the court in years to come. *The Lady Tigers posted wins* over Brantley and Wicksburg early in the week to run their winning streak to eight games, but were knocked off by Samson late in the week as the eighth-ranked Lady Tigers saw their record move to 18-5. Elba missed nineteen free throws in the loss to Samson and may have been a victim of their own success as they never really seemed in full ‘attack mode’ until the fourth quarter. I know the girls never like to lose, but the late-season loss should make them even more determined as they chase the area title and the home court advantage in the post-season.

\*\*\* *The area tournaments are right around the corner* and for area fans that means it is crunch time. On the boy’s side of the bracket, in Class 1A, Area 2 it looks like Brantley and Florala will be the top two teams, while Kinston will face the second seed in the opening round and Elba will play Houston County for the right to move on and challenge the regular season champs. From where I sit it looks like Brantley and Florala are clearly the teams to beat, while Kinston could play the role of spoiler. In Class 2A, Area 4, Luverne and Highland Home have been the dominant teams all season and should continue to stay at the top in the tournament, but keep an eye on Zion Chapel, because the Rebels never expect to lose. Up in Class 3A, Area 4, Opp and Pike County may be the favorites to advance, but New Brockton is much better than its record indicates and could pull off an upset. On the girl’s side of the page, in Class 1A, Area 2, the Elba Lady Tigers are definitely the team to beat and many think have a legitimate chance at making a run all the way to the Final Four, while Brantley and Florala are next in the pecking order, but appear just a step behind. In Class 2A, Area 4, Luverne is without a doubt the top team in the four-team race, with Highland Home coming in close behind, but ahead of Zion Chapel and Goshen. Up in Class 3A, Area 4, Pike County has been a solid team all season and has to be the team to beat, while New Brockton looks like the best bet to finish in the number two spot and advance to sub-region play, ahead of Daleville and Opp. Yep, it has been a fun season. However, the real fun is just getting ready to start.


\*\*\* *Elba High was the place to be* last week for a couple of the nation’s top college football coaches as Alabama’s Nick Saban dropped by Thursday morning and Florida State coach Mike Norvell flew in on a helicopter Friday morning. Both visits were to talk with Tiger standout running back Alvin Henderson, rated as one of the nation’s top recruits, and there is no doubt more coaches will be in town in the days and weeks to come. The coaches may have to look at a map to find our small town, but Elba is fast becoming a place to visit.

\*\*\* *Last Thursday marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary* of the death of former Alabama head football coach Bear Bryant and as part of the remembrance TYV personality Paul Finebaum talked with a number of former Crimson Tide coaches and players, including former Elba Tiger Russ Wood, who was a starter on Bryant’s final team that handed him a win in his last game at the Liberty Bowl. Russ gave a heartfelt look back at the day Coach Bryant passed away, and it was easy to understand just how much Coach Bryant meant to Russ, and all the other callers.


\*\*\* *In closing....* The high school baseball and softball seasons are just around the corner and here in Elba both the JV and varsity teams have been trying to get in some work despite the fact many starters on both teams are still running up and down the basketball court. I have a feeling both teams have a chance at posting winning seasons, and whole they may start off a little slow due to the seasons running into each other, the fun doesn’t really start until the weather warms up and area play begins.

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For 15th win of season

Elba Tigers slam Samson 77-22

The Elba Tigers bounced back from an early week loss to Brantley 67-56 to claim wins over Wicksburg 63-51 and Samson 77-22 to push their win total for the season to 15, and improve their season record to 15-12.

Following is a recap of last week’s basketball action:

Brantley 67 Elba 56

The Elba Tigers continued their area woes with a 67-56 home court loss to the Brantley Bulldogs.

Brantley came out ready to play and behind the play of Daylan Davis jumped out to a 9-0 lead only one minute into the game. A three-pointer by Cameron Gray with 5:10 remaining in the quarter pulled the Tigers within 9-5, but a three-pointer by Davis put the Bulldogs back in charge and Brantley added three more baskets from behind the arc in the stanza to open up a 25-14 lead.

Brantley opened the second quarter on an 8-4 run to stretch its lead to 33-18 with 3:09 left in the stanza and despite late three-pointers by Elba’s Cayden Adkins and Ty Sieving, the Bulldogs went in at the half with a 37-24 advantage.

Brantley quickly upped its lead to 45-27 in the third quarter after a three-pointer by Jayden Parks and Elba was never able to cut into the deficit as the Tigers trailed 52-39 heading into the final stanza.

The Tigers made a run early in the fourth quarter behind the scoring punch of Cameron Gray and closed to within 53-49 with 4:36 remaining on the clock, but Brantley used a 4-0 run to up its lead to 57-49 and Jayden Parks scored seven points in the closing minutes to help the Bulldogs remain unbeaten in area play as they handed the Tigers the 67-56 defeat.

Cameron Gray scored 10 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Alvin Henderson 8, Ty Sieving 7, Jamal Siler 7, Cayden Adkins 7, Cody Gray 6, Jacob Watkins 4, JT Coleman 3 and Taylon Purvis 3. Keldric Brown scored 18 points and Jayden Parks added 16 to lead Brantley, while also scoring for the Bulldogs were Daylan Davis 14, Robert Shine 6, Jayles Tyson 4, Jordan Parks 3, Jon Bush 3 and Jackson Mitchell 3.

Elba 63 Wicksburg 51

The Elba Tigers took charge in the second half to claim a hard fought

63-51 road win over the Wicksburg Panthers.

Elba saw an early 12-5 first quarter lead evaporate as Wicksburg closed the quarter on a 13-0 run to grab an 18-12 advantage, and the Panthers ever lost command in the second stanza and at the half was still on top 30-27. The Tigers began to heat up behind the arc in the third quarter and behind the play of Cody Gray and Cameron Gray pulled ahead midway through the quarter and never looked back as they ran away with the win.

Cody Gray scored 20 points and Cameron Gray added 15 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Ty Sieving 5, Jacob Watkins 5, Brayden Johnson 4, Cayden Adkins 4, JT Coleman 4, Alvin Henderson 3 and Taylon Purvis 3. Gabe Glover led the Panthers with 18 points.

Elba 77 Samson 22

The Elba Tigers raced out to a 27-2 first quarter lead and never looked back rolled to a lopsided 77-22 win over the Samson Tigers, on ‘Senior Night’ at Elba High.

Cody Gray and Taylon Purvis drained early three-pointers to stake the Tigers to an 8-2 lead, while Cameron Gray, JT Coleman and Jamal Siler took turns putting points on the scoreboard during a 22-0 run as Elba carried a 27-4 lead into the second stanza. Elba stretched its lead to 37-5 with 5:19 left in the half on a basket by Brayden Johnson, and when Alvin Henderson converted a fast break basket with 1:41 left the Tigers lead was up to 47-7. The Tigers carried a 52-10 advantage in at the half and never slowed down in the third quarter as a 10-3 run upped their lead to 62-13, and the fans from both sides headed to the exits early in the final stanza as Elba mopped up the 77-22 win.

JT Coleman scored 18 points and Jacob Watkins added 16 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Cameron Gray 13, Taylon Purvis 10, Cody Gray 6, Jamal Siler 6, Brayden Johnson 6 and Cayden Adkins 2.

Following is a recap of last week’s action:

Elba 49 Brantley 40

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and held on late to post a 49-40 win over the Brantley Bulldogs.

Javante Griggs scored 9 points in the first half to help Elba carry a 23-11 lead in at the half, while Emmanuel Cooks scored 7 points in the fourth quarter to help turn back a late Brantley rally as the Tigers held on for the 49-40 win.

Javante Griggs scored 16 points to lead Elba, while also coring for the Tigers were Emmanuel Cooks 9, Brady Johnson 7, Kalil Magwood 6, Jordan Hammonds 6, Jonathan Edwards 3 and Cassidy Carpenter 2. Welch scored 10 points to lead Brantley.

Elba 51 Wicksburg 46

Elba’s Emmanuel Cooks scored with four seconds left in regulation on an in-bound play to send the game into overtime and the Tigers took charge in the extra period to escape



Elba Tiger JT Coleman (1) drives to the basket in a recent win. Coleman scored 18 points in the Tigers big 77-22 win over Samson.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Elba Tiger JV add three wins, up record to 17-1

The Elba Tigers hit the court three times last week in junior varsity action and posted three exciting wins to improve their record to 17-1.

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with a 51-46 win over the Wicksburg Panthers.

It appeared the Tigers had blown a big lead late in the final stanza, but Cooks’ late basket gave them a second chance and propelled the Tigers to the exciting road win.

Javante Griggs scored 19 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jordan Hammonds 9, Emmanuel Cooks 7, Kalil Magwood 5, Matthew McCart 4, Jonathan Edwards 3, Cassidy Carpenter 2 and Skylar Mitchell 2.

Elba 48 Samson 31

The Elba Tigers pulled away from a four-point halftime advantage to defeat the Samson Tigers 48-31.

Elba owned a slim 23-19 lead at the half, but broke loose in the second half and pulled away to post the big win.

Kalil Magwood scored 19 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jonathan Edwards 9, Emmanuel Cooks 6, Jordan Hammonds 5, Cassidy Carpenter 5, Matthew McCart 2 and Skylar Mitchell 2.

Elba Parks and Recreation  
Upcoming Youth Basketball Games:

10U Boys & Girls

Thursday, Feb. 2 (Home)  
Elba vs. Zion Chapel  
Games begin at 6 p.m.

12U Boys

Saturday, Feb. 4 (Away)  
Elba vs Daleville 1 p.m.

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Elba at Zion Chapel

Samson at Kinston

Straughn at Brantley

Friday, Feb. 3

New Brockton at Samson

Kinston at Red Level

Brantley at Luverne

Zion Chapel at Wicksburg

Saturday, Feb. 4

Brantley at Highland Home

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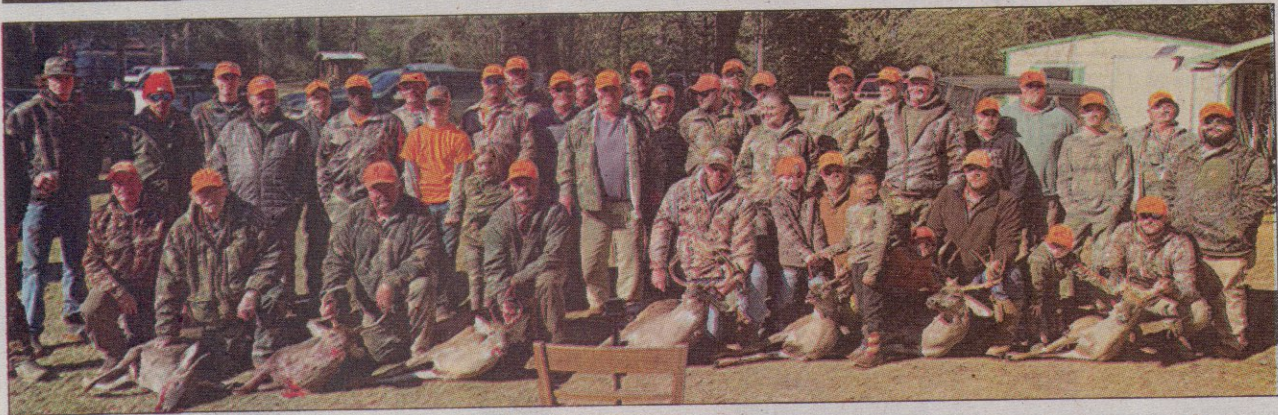
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# SPORTS NEWS



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## High School

# ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

### BOYS:

#### **Brantley dumps Houston County 69-36**

The Brantley Bulldogs coasted to an easy 69-36 road area win over the winless Houston County Lions. Jayden Parks scored 13 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Jordan Parks added 12, Daylan Davis scored 11 and Jon Harper added 9.

#### **Gamecocks caged by Pike County 58-41**

The New Brockton Gamecocks dropped a 58-41 area decision to the Pike County Bulldogs. Markelis Hobdy scored 14 points and Ian Foster added 13 to lead the Bulldogs.

#### **Zion Chapel pounds Pike Lib 69-52**

The Zion Chapel Rebels continued their recent winning ways with a 69-52 victory over the Pike Liberal Arts Patriots. Jacob Chestnut scored 23 points to lead the Rebels, while Slade Grantham added 15, Mason Stuart added 4 and Joseph Legear scored 13 points. Levi Deboer led Pike Lib with 18 points.

#### **Rebels outscored by Highland 70-56**

The Zion Chapel Rebels closed area play with a 5-3 record after dropping a 70-56 decision to the Highland Home Flying Squadron. Slade Grantham scored 28 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Jacob Chestnut added 21 points. Latregan Cooper scored 19 points to lead the Squadron.

#### **Brantley Bulldogs flatten Florala 76-69**

The Brantley Bulldogs remained atop the area standings with an exciting 76-69 win over the Florala Wildcats. Keldric Brown scored 31 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs, while Jayden Parks added 25 points and Daylan David scored 12 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

#### **Gamecocks upset by Northside 43-42**

The New Brockton Gamecocks dropped a heartbreaking 43-42 decision to the Northside Methodist Knights. Yassiah Rousseau and Matthew Smith scored 17 points, apiece, to lead the Gamecocks, while Jack Alford scored 20 points and grabbed 6 rebounds to lead the Knights.

#### **Kinston humbles Houston County 45-24**

The Kinston Bulldogs coasted to a solid 45-24 area win over the Houston County Lions. Tripp Hawthorne scored 15 points and Cale Sumblin added 10 to lead the Bulldogs, which ended area play with a 4-4 record.

### GIRLS:

#### **Lady Bulldogs down Lady Lions 52-24**

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs rolled over the Houston County Lady Lions 52-24 to grab a key area road win. Alex Grimes scored 14 points to lead Brantley, while Myia Mount added 11 points and pulled down 15 rebounds.

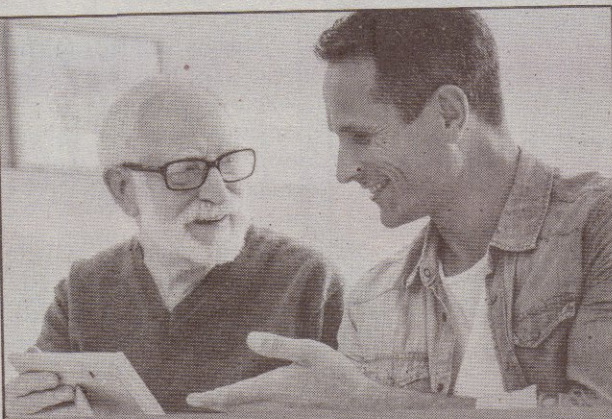
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## Lady Tigers remain unbeaten in area play

The Elba Lady Tigers rolled to a pair of wins early in the week over Brantley 59-31 and Wicksburg 59-46 to run their winning streak to eight games, but then saw the streak come to an end on Friday night with a 46-44 home court loss to Samson.

Following is a recap of last week's action:

#### **Elba 59 Brantley 31**

The Elba Lady Tigers remained undefeated in area action and sophomore sensation A'Lyric Whitfield went over the 1,000-point mark in her career in an impressive 59-31 home court win over the Brantley Lady Bulldogs.

Brantley grabbed an early 6-4 lead behind the play of Myia Mount and was still on top 13-12 with 1:15 left in the quarter after a three-pointer by Coco Stamps. However, Kendra Juarez sparked a late Elba rally that put the Lady Tigers ahead 16-13 at the end of the stanza, and the Lady Tigers then opened the second quarter with a 5-0 run to up their lead to 21-13 with 5:09 still left in the quarter. Brantley added only one basket the entire quarter and misfired on 5 of 7 free-throw attempts, while A'Lyric Whitfield and Juarez remained hot as at the half Elba went in with a 30-17 advantage.

A'Lyric Whitfield and Ayrika Caldwell both hit long three-pointers early in the third quarter as the Lady Tigers used a 12-1 run to take a commanding 42-18 lead with 3:59 left in the stanza. Elba used an 11-0 run to stretch its lead to 53-23 early in the final stanza and coasted in with the big 59-31 area win over the Lady Bulldogs.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 27 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Kendra Juarez 13, Tajah Purvis 10, Ana Caldwell 4, Ayrika Caldwell 3, Brooke Tinsley 1 and Yada Caldwell 1. Coco Stamps scored 15 points to lead Brantley, while also scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were Myia Mount 9, AC free 6 and Alex Grimes 1.

#### **Elba 59 Wicksburg 46**

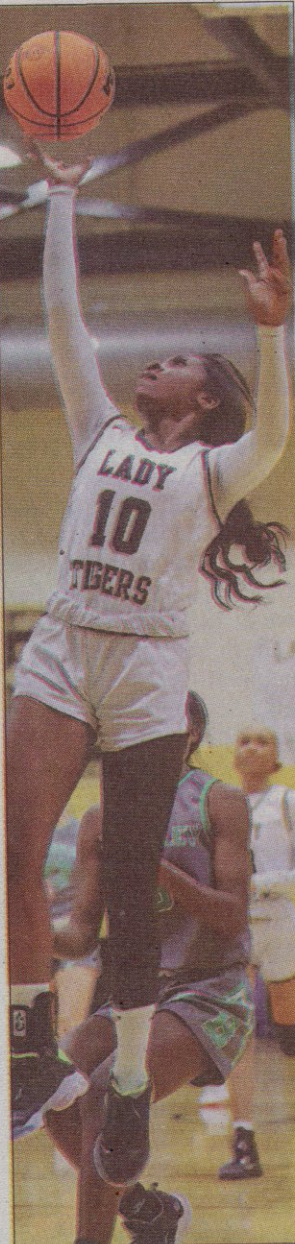
The Elba Lady Tigers pulled away in the fourth quarter to claim a tough 59-46 road win over the Wicksburg Lady Panthers.

Kendra Juarez and Yada Caldwell combined for six points in the opening quarter to help Elba open up a 12-9 lead, while Tajah Purvis scored five points in the second stanza as the Lady Tigers went in at the half with a slim 21-19 advantage. Alayvia Stinson and A'Lyric Whitfield combined for nine points in the third quarter as the Lady Tigers lead grew to 34-31, and Elba exploded for 25 points in the final stanza, led by 12 points from Whitfield, to pull away and claim the road win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 21 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Tajah Purvis 9, Ny'Asia McCollough 8, Alayvia Stinson 7, Yada Caldwell 6 and Brooke Tinsley 4. Kelsey Ellenburg and Bella Sanders scored 16 points, apiece, to lead Wicksburg.

#### **Samson 46 Elba 44**

The Elba Lady Tigers saw a late lead vanish in the final 17-seconds in a wild 46-44 loss to the Samson Lady Tigers, in a hotly contested contest in which



**Elba Lady Tiger A'Lyric Whitfield (10)** scored her 1,000th point of her career recently in leading Elba to another big win.

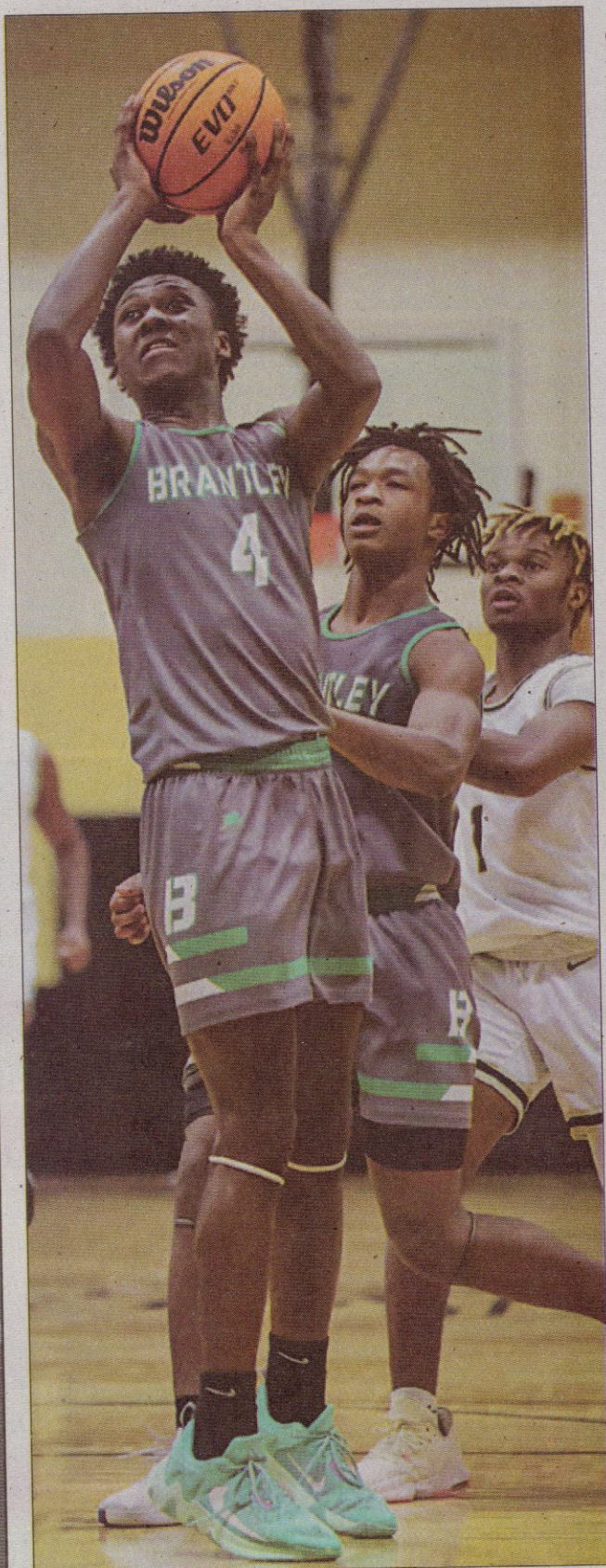
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the two longtime rivals were whistled for total of 49 fouls and attempted a total of 63 free throws.

Samson jumped out to an early 4-0 lead and despite the hot shooting of Elba's Tajah Purvis carried a 14-7 advantage into the second quarter. Samson upped its lead to 17-7 early in the second stanza and owned a 20-11 lead with 2:43 left in the half, but Elba rallied behind the play of A'Lyric Whitfield and Ny'Asia McCollough to pull within 20-18, and trailed only 22-18 at intermission.

Lady Tiger A'Lyric Whitfield scored Elba's first seven points of the third quarter as Elba grabbed its first lead of the night at 25-24, but Samson responded and went on a 9-0 run to go ahead 33-25 with 1:58 remaining in the quarter. Whitfield got hot again late in the quarter as the Lady Tigers pulled within 33-31 heading into the fourth quarter, and Elba used a 10-0 run early in the stanza to take a 41-36 lead with 3:18 left on the clock. Samson again rallied and moved back on top 42-41 with 1:13 remaining, but Elba's Ana Caldwell and A'Lyric Whitfield combined to connect on 3 of 4 free throw attempts to put the Lady Tigers back ahead 44-42 with only 37-seconds left on the clock. A three-pointer with 17-seconds left put Samson back on top 45-44 and this time Elba had no answer as the Lady Tigers lost 46-44.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 31 points to lead Elba, which hit only 10 of 29 free throw attempts, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Tajah Purvis 6, Brooke Tinsley 2, Alayvia Stinson 2, Ny'Asia McCollough 2 and Ana Caldwell 1. Brantley Edberg and Shaylei Mock both scored 15 points for Samson, which hit only 10 of 34 free throw opportunities.



**Brantley Bulldog Daylan Davis (4)** eyes the basket in recent high school basketball action.

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## LIFESTYLES



**MAKING THE GRADE...** Mie'nundra Banks, a 2021 honor graduate of Elba High School, recently was named to the Dean's List at LBW Community College in Andalusia, Ala. After her time at LBWCC, she plans to finish her studies in animation at the University of South Alabama. Mie'nundra was a five-year volunteer at the New Hope Senior Citizens Center prior to the COVID pandemic.

## RWCC meeting set for Feb. 15th

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Highway.

The guest speaker will be Loren Spivack, a conservative author, political activist, economist, and founder of Free Market Warrior.

Social time begins at 11

## Vietnam Vets Chapter 373 announces Feb. 25th meeting plans in Ozark, Ala.

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 373 will meet Saturday, Feb. 25, at 9 a.m., at the Friends of Army Aviation Hangar in Ozark, Ala., located at 189 Heritage Way, in the conference room.

There will not be an optional breakfast at this meeting due to the Friends of Army Aviation being out of town for an airshow. The date of the meeting was changed due to a conflict with the VVA State Council meeting.

The Feb. 25th meeting is

open to members and those that served in the Republic of Vietnam (Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975) and ear veterans in any duty location between (Aug. 5, 1964 - May 7, 1975) interested in Vietnam veterans' issues.

RSVP to Shannon no later than Sunday, Feb. 12 at 334-494-2753 or rwc-reservations@gmail.com. Please indicate if be eating.

## Anna Jackson of Elba awarded degree from UA

Anna Jackson of Elba received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Alabama during Fall Commencement ceremonies held Dec. 10, 2022.

UA awarded over 1,650 degrees during the recent ceremonies.

## Locals named to UA's fall '22 term Dean's, President's lists

A total of 12,791 students enrolled during Fall Semester 2022 at The University of Alabama were named to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

These driven students are making waves across UA's more than 70 undergraduate programs and 12 colleges and schools. The UA Dean's and President's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students.

Locally, Lauren Haley



**REACH FOR THE STARS...** Reach for the Stars is a volunteer service recognition program approved by the State Master Gardener Board of Directors. Participation in the program is an option for each local association and all are encouraged to participate. The purpose of the program is to recognize Master Gardeners who have assisted the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service in educating and improving their communities and to encourage Master Gardeners to keep records and report volunteer hours. Recorded hours are utilized in justifying the resources expended by ACES to educate and train Master Gardeners. The Coffee County Master Gardener's Association recognized award winners for 2022 at its recent meeting. Jacque Hawkins, membership chair, made the presentations based on hours recorded - Bronze Star 100-299 hours and Silver Star 300-499 hours. Those pictured above include (from left): Rodney Penuel - Bronze and Silver Star; Vanessa Allen - Silver Star; Wanda Maddox - Silver Star; and Hawkins. Not pictured were Melanie Smith - Silver Star, and Anne Edwards - Gold Name Badge [1,000 - 1,999 hours].

## NB's Anna Clark named to UA's Early College fall '22 Director's List

A total of 501 students enrolled in UA Early College during Fall Semester 2022 at The University of Alabama were named to the Director's List with an academic record of 3.6 or higher.

Anna Clark, a student at New Brockton High School, was among those named to the Director's List.

The Director's List recognizes students enrolled in classes through the UA Early College program. UA Early College allows high school students to get a head start on their college courses. High school sophomores, juniors and seniors enrolled in UA Early College can choose from more than 80 different online and on-campus courses and earn up to 30 hours of college credit.



## FLEMING VERIFIED AS MASTER GARDENER...

Alabama Cooperative Extension Service (ACES) Regional Agent Megan Jones recently presented Georgia Fleming, a member of the Coffee County Master Gardener's Association, with a certificate which read "Alabama Master Gardener is conferred on Georgia Fleming by ACES, Alabama A&M University and Auburn University. This certificate is awarded upon completion of the required course of study and the fulfillment of 50 hours of required volunteer service." Shown above (from left) is Georgia Fleming and Megan Jones. Individuals interested in becoming a Master Gardener should contact the Coffee County Extension Service, 334-894-5596, to inquire about the next training session.

## Locals make Fall 2022 Dean's List at WCC-Dothan

The Wallace Community College Dean's List is compiled at the end of each semester.

Students named to the Dean's list must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of college level coursework with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Local students making the Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester included: Hannah Boutwell and Karrie Jinright, both of Jack, Ala.; Tatum Griggs, Trevon Jacobson, and Taylor Williams, all of New Brockton.

## Upcoming events announced by Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of AL

**Saturday, Feb. 11, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.:** Farm Business Classes for certification. Will learn how to write business plans, assess resources and needs, prepare, and read spread sheets and other financial records, identify needs and resources. Will have five (5) classes and must attend all classes to receive small stipend at the end. First class in a series of four classes. IN PERSON CLASSES.

**Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, 11 a.m.:** Memorial Service for Tim Mitchell. Lunch at 12 (Noon) followed by Tribal Meeting 1 p.m. Zoom will have prior approval for use. Mandatory SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TODAY OR OTHERWISE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

**Saturday, Feb. 25, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.:** Farm Business Classes for certification. Will learn how to write business plans, assess resources and needs, prepare, and read spread sheets and other financial records, identify needs and resources. Will have 4 classes and must attend all classes to receive small stipend at the end. Second class in a series of five classes.

*Note: All meetings/events will be at 2950 County Road 377, Elba. All are open to the public. For additional information, call (334) 897-3207.*

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